

ITINERARY OF WILSON'S TRIP HERE OUTLINED

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that such a storm is brewing. It is being contended that it would be unwise to send all the important naval vessels from the Atlantic to the Pacific when conditions are such in Europe that eventually might render it necessary for the United States to have its fleet in the Atlantic ocean.

These criticisms were brought to the attention of Secretary Daniels, but he said that he felt that such a controversy would be unwise and unwarranted.

"There are some persons," said Daniels, "who say the fleet should not be sent away from the Atlantic coast while the war in Europe is in progress. On the other hand, there are critics on the Pacific coast who have never liked the retention of the fleet in the Atlantic ocean. There are also persons in the East who think the entire fleet should be sent to the Pacific ocean. I believe that if there is any time that we should proceed along thoroughly normal lines without any hysterics, that time is right now."

To Accompany Fleet.
President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Garrison of the War Department will accompany the fleet on its journey. Other cabinet officers will be invited to participate, but whether the entire cabinet will go with the fleet has not been determined. All the leading maritime nations have been invited to send warships to Hampton Roads to participate in the parade through the canal to the West coast.

Itinerary Is Planned.
The tentative itinerary of President Wilson and his plans for the formal opening of the Panama canal and the Panama-Pacific Exposition are given in detail by Lieut.-cmdr. Needham L. Jones, naval aide to the President. Twenty-seven foreign battleships and 17 United States vessels will participate. In outlining the plans Lieut. Jones said:

"The foreign ships will arrive at Hampton Roads between February 10 and 15 and will there join the United States fleet. The foreign officers will be brought to Washington by the United States officers, and on February 20 will be taken to the White House to meet the President. They will be present when he will press the button that opens the exposition."

"On February 22 the President will go to Hampton Roads to review the ships as they sail for the eastern terminal. On March 5 the President will return to Hampton Roads to join the United States steamship New York and sail for Colon. The New York will be conveyed by her sister ship, the Texas."

"The two vessels will arrive at Colon March 10, and the President will shift to the Oregon to go through the canal. On the Oregon will be the President, the secretary of the navy, Admiral Clark, who commanded the Oregon on her trip around the Horn, and Admiral Dewey."

"Upon the arrival of the Oregon at Balboa, the formal celebration of the opening of the canal will be held with illuminations at night. The President will exchange visits with the President of the Republic of Panama, after which he will go aboard the New York and proceed to San Francisco at the head of the fleet."

"The President will stop at San Diego three days and will arrive in San Francisco March 24. After four days at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, he will proceed to Washington by private car while the secretary of the navy will go to Puget Sound to inspect the navy yard at that place."

"The only persons accompanying the President on the New York will be the secretary of the navy and the President's naval aid."

Lieut.-cmdr. Jones did not announce the names of the foreign or the United States warships which will participate in the formalities.

President Wilson May Not Come.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, with a number of officials from the navy department, will visit Hawaii during March or April for the purpose of inspecting the new navy station at Pearl Harbor.

The secretary and his party probably will make the trip in a warship. Although the President says that he would like to make a visit to Hawaii at the same time he says that no plans for such a trip are being considered.

Miss Maud Thomas, 30 years old, was killed and three others injured when their automobile skidded and overturned at Buffalo.

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BAR ASSOCIATION PLANS CHANGE IN U. S. COURT

A movement recommended by Federal Judges Sanford B. Dole and Charles F. Clemons, and by several members of the Bar Association who were in conference with the judges this morning, probably will be undertaken by the association shortly in prevailing upon Congress to amend section 86 of the Organic Act, which provides for the salary and compensation of federal court reporters. It was the consensus of opinion of the conference that the reporter should receive, say, \$200 a month instead of the present \$1200 a year, and that all regular per diem fees should be eliminated, except in such cases where, for instance, persons desire copies of transcripts in matters of appeal.

The matter of the feasibility of placing the salary of the federal court reporter on a different basis was brought about as a result of discussion which was had on a number of questions brought by the court before the members of the Bar Association for possible solutions. It was recommended by the court that, at the next meeting of the association, a committee of one be appointed to take the matter under advisement, and try and secure in the next Congress an amendment to section 86 of the Organic Act. It was pointed out that the reporter now receives a salary of \$100 a month, and a compensation of \$10 a day for taking testimony in certain cases. Various members of the association, as well as the judges, advocated a raise in the salary of the reporter, and an elimination of the per diem fees. Should the amendment be secured, and the reporter receive a flat salary of say \$200 a month, additional compensations then should be asked by him only in matters of persons desiring transcripts of testimony.

A number of questions were up for discussion.

The members of the Bar Association were of the opinion that their organization would be in a position to secure the action recommended by the court.

"But Congress is moving slowly," asserted Attorney J. A. Magoon.

"It has moved in the past when we have put the right foot forward," answered Attorney Clem K. Quinn.

Present at the conference were Judges Dole and Clemons, United States District Attorney Jeff McCann, Clerk A. E. Murphy and Attorneys Clem K. Quinn, Frank Andrade, John T. De Bolt, J. A. Magoon, Lorrin Andrews, Fred Milverton and Judge William L. Stanley.

NEW SYSTEM IS BEING USED ON GREAT DRYDOCK

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sible to make the dock wider, on account of the great caisson which was made for the entrance and towed down here a couple of years ago. The dock as now planned will be 1036 feet long, and will be built in 16 sections. The bottom of each section will be a reinforced steel base, erected on a floating dock. These base sections will be fitted with flotation tanks so that when completed they can be floated into their proper place, and then sunk by filling the tanks. The sides will be built up in steel coffer dams, and the sections will be tied together by concrete laid under water by the Tremay method, such as was used in laying the concrete of the original dock floor. This dock will have 8,000,000 pounds of steel in it, and will be heavier than the water it displaces. The old dock didn't an ounce of steel in it, and would have been lighter than the displaced water, if it had been completed.

"The order for the steel has been placed and it is now being fabricated. It should begin to arrive here in about three months' time. The floating dock, necessary for this construction work, will not be ready for about eight months. The contract calls for the completion of the dock by July 1, 1918, and unless some other unforeseen delays crop up, this should give us plenty of time to finish the job."

"The matter of financial adjustment was very long and tedious, owing to its importance, and the large amount involved, but it was finally settled, along compromise lines, which seem satisfactory to both sides."

GERMANY CLAIMS TOWNS WERE FORTIFIED
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 18.—An official statement of the naval raid made by a portion of the German high sea fleet upon the North Sea coast of England was made public yesterday by the naval department.

"Four destroyers unsuccessfully attacked the German cruisers when they were approaching Hartlepool," said the announcement. "At that port our cruisers' guns silenced the batteries, destroyed the gas works and set the town on fire in three places."

"The coastguard station at Scarborough was destroyed and the signal station was much damaged."

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